
Section 2. How we change for 2005

Do not rely on these change descriptions; this page is not an official statement of benefits. For that, go to Section 5, Benefits. Also, we edited and clarified language throughout the brochure; any language change not shown here is a clarification that does not change benefits.

Program-wide changes

- In Section 9, we revised the **Medicare Primary Payer Chart** and updated the language regarding Medicare Advantage plans (formerly called Medicare + Choice plans).
- In Section 12, we revised the language regarding the Flexible Spending Account Program - *FSAFEDS* and the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program.

Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-Postal premium for Enrollment Code CK will increase by 20% for Self Only or 22% for Self and Family. Enrollment Code 6U will increase by 7% for Self Only and 7% for Self and Family.
- The primary care physician office visit copay increases from \$15 to \$20 per office visit.
- The specialist office visit copay decreases from \$25 to \$20 per office visit.
- The physician home visit copay decreases from \$25 to \$20 per visit.
- A \$100 copay now applies for CAT Scans/MRI.
- Growth hormone is now covered under the Prescription Drug Benefit with the applicable copay.
- The inpatient admission copay changes from \$100 per admission to \$100 per day up to a maximum of \$500 per admission.
- The copay for outpatient surgery performed at a Plan Provider's office will increase from \$15 in primary care physician office and \$25 in specialist office to \$50 per procedure.
- The copay for outpatient surgery performed in an Outpatient Surgery Facility will increase from \$50 to \$200 per procedure.
- The copay for voluntary sterilization (e.g., tubal ligation, vasectomy) will change from 20% of charges to \$50 when performed in a Plan Providers office; \$200 when performed in an outpatient surgical facility or included in the \$500 inpatient admission copay.
- Self-injectable and high technology medications are now covered under the prescription drug benefit with a 25% coinsurance for retail and mail order. This does not apply to diabetic medications or allergy serum.
- Durable medical equipment, oxygen, monitoring devices, and medical supplies are now limited to \$4,000 per year.